



**Human Rights Council**  
**Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples**  
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**Item 3 – Review of the mandate of the Expert Mechanism**  
**Statement of Canada**  
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Good morning,

Canada would like to express its support for the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, which we view as a valuable mechanism for promoting and protecting the human rights' of Indigenous peoples.

We also welcome the review of the EMRIP's mandate to make the Expert Mechanism more independent, representative, focused and efficient, while remaining complementary to the other indigenous-specific UN mechanisms with the aim of avoiding duplication and strengthening the joint work of all 3 mechanisms.

In this context, we envisage that:

1. That the number of expert members be expanded to seven in order to accurately reflect the 7 indigenous regions, and ensure gender balance into consideration;
2. That dialogue, interaction and coordination with the chairs of other specialized bodies as well as the president of the HRC should be increased in order to promote the objectives and effective realization of UNDRIP;
3. That the Experts may provide technical guidance and facilitation services to Member States, when requested, to help realize specific articles of the Declaration;
4. That EMRIP would draft an annual report on the worldwide status of achievement of specific objectives of the Declaration, by compiling and disseminating lessons learned and best practices

These changes that EMRIP will help to effectively achieve the principles and ends of UNDRIP.

We call for this review to be finalized by HRC33 in September 2016.